

WATER LEAGUE FILES ON WATER FOR IRRIGATION

Work of Local Association Summarized—Aid of State and Reclamation Service Secured—Gratifying Progress in Signing Up Acreage as Preliminary Move.

The Water Users' association is pleased to be able to report gratifying progress in its campaign for irrigation for the valley. The farmers and fruitgrowers, alike convinced that water is essential to their success as growers of their respective products, have signed up to the extent of more than 20,500 acres, and many have not yet been seen.

Secure Water Survey
The acreage being assured, the association was confronted with the varied opinions of local residents as to adequate and available water supply and turned in their dilemma to State Engineer John H. Lewis and Reclamation Engineer John T. Whittier of Portland, in charge of the Oregon co-operative work, who, quickly appreciating the importance of the movement to this part of the state, were invaluable in assisting in bringing our needs to the attention of the reclamation service of the department of the interior, whom, we are advised through A. P. Davis, director, has authorized a complete preliminary survey and examination under the personal direction of the above named engineers.

James T. Chinook of the state water board is in the valley at present in connection with this work. Senators George E. Chamberlain and Harry Lane were of service to us, giving the work their approval and securing an early and favorable consideration by the department in Washington.

File Upon Water
The association, on behalf of the people, has filed on several available sources of water and in this connection we feel that the public-spiritedness of our fellow townsmen, R. A. Rowley and H. G. Stoeckman, should be emphasized. They relinquished valuable water rights on Big Butte creek that the work might proceed unhampered, with the assurance only that should these waters ultimately be used in the contemplated irrigation system we would use our best efforts toward securing for them reasonable compensation for their relinquished rights.

We are informed by the engineers in charge that the work will proceed with all possible haste consistent with the thoroughness and the importance of the undertaking demands. We bespeak for these gentlemen the hearty co-operation of our citizens in bringing this most important movement to a successful issue.

WATER-USERS' ASS'N.
By Henry Hart, president.

THREW MURDERED MAN'S BODY IN WELL

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 10.—John Richardson, 59, was arrested here today on a charge of murdering J. T. Owens, of Twin Falls, Idaho. Owens' body was found in an old well yesterday in the South Cold Springs district, twenty miles from here. An autopsy showed that he had met death from a gunshot wound.

Owens married Richards' divorced wife, and the police believe this may have been a motive for the murder. Owens came here three weeks ago to haul what on contract for farmers. He left for the country with Richardson on August 30. Richardson later was seen throwing earth into the well. The following day he returned to Pendleton and sold Owens' team and wagon.

INVOLVES OTHER OWENS

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ture of the communication he sent was so far removed from the others, and of such a legitimate character that his net probably would not be regarded as offensive.

Letter is Offensive
Captain Von Papen's letter, however, is said to be decidedly offensive, as is the nature of Consul General Von Nuber's connection with the affair as disclosed by the papers which the British secret service men took from Arehahald at Falmouth. It was believed that further steps would not be taken until the additional documentary evidence comes

AMERICA ASKS DUMBA'S RECALL FROM AUSTRIA

Ambassador Who Conspired to Cripple Industry by Fomenting Strikes in Munition Plants No Longer Acceptable to United States—Reply From Franz Josef Awaited.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—News of Austria-Hungary's reception of the American note requesting the recall of Ambassador Dumba eagerly was awaited here today in government and diplomatic circles. Officials appeared optimistic in the belief that the summary action would not result in any international issue.

The recall of the envoy was asked for in a communication from Secretary Lansing, which Ambassador Penfield at Vienna was to deliver at once to the Austrian foreign minister. It stated in part:

Cripple U. S. Industry
"By reason of the admitted purpose and intent of Mr. Dumba to conspire to cripple legitimate industries of the people of the United States and to interrupt their legitimate trade, and by reason of the flagrant violation of diplomatic propriety in employing an American citizen protected by an American passport as a secret bearer of official dispatches through the lines of Austria-Hungary, the president directs me to inform your excellency that Mr. Dumba is no longer acceptable to the government of the United States as the ambassador of his imperial majesty at Washington."

The note expressed regret for the necessity of requesting Dr. Dumba's recall and gave assurances of a desire for the continuance of cordial and friendly relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary.

Zweidnick in Charge
It was suggested that Baron Von Zweidnick, counselor of the embassy, would be made charge d'affaires to remain until the conclusion of the war. In ordinary times the failure of a government to send a successor to an ambassador who had been recalled would indicate its displeasure over the request. In this case, however, it was pointed out that difficulties over sending a new envoy made a distinct difference.

It was admitted that a situation might arise which might have a serious effect on the relations between the two governments. The text of the note was held clearly to indicate Washington's desire to have Dr. Dumba recalled without stirring up a diplomatic issue. It was pointed out, however, that if the Vienna foreign office should determine to uphold the ambassador, severance of diplomatic relations probably would result. Such a development, even if war did not follow, would seriously affect America's role of diplomatic representative for Austria-Hungary and other European belligerents.

Diplomatic Sensation
While Secretary Lansing's announcement of the request for the recall added another international sensation to the list that has stirred Washington in the last year, official comment was not forthcoming. Nevertheless, the feeling seemed apparent in government circles that no diplomatic issue with Austria-Hungary would arise. Dr. Dumba probably will not be compelled to accept his passports, but will be permitted to remain in the United States at will and await word from Vienna. If he wants to return home, the United States must secure assurances of safe conduct for him from Great Britain and her allies.

The determination to ask for Dr. Dumba's recall followed swiftly upon his interview Tuesday with Secretary Lansing. He admitted then that he had proposed to his government plans to initiate strikes in American munitions factories. While it had been known that officials considered the ambassador's conduct as a grave breach of propriety, yet there was a widespread impression that the only immediate step would be the cancellation of the passports of Arehahald, the American messenger whose arrest by British officials and seizure of Dr. Dumba's dispatches precipitated the incident.

CARRANZA TO DECLINE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Reply of Constitutionalist Chief Received—Agrees to Any International Aspects, But Refuses to Discuss Internal Affairs With Pan-American Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—General Carranza in his reply to the Pan-American conferees, it was learned here today, will agree to any international aspects of the Mexican situation, but will decline to enter a conference on internal affairs.

Carranza's answer, which arrived today, is said to decline the offer extended by Secretary Lansing and the Latin-American diplomats to arrange a conference of the Mexican factions to choose a provisional government.

Carranza's Contentions
Carranza's main contention, it is said, will be that his forces are in practical control of the country and that to enter into such a conference would have no beneficial effect. General Carranza will declare, however, that he does not wish to ignore the friendly interest of the United States, Argentine, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay and Guatemala, and for that reason will say that if there are any international aspects which can properly be considered with representatives of the Pan-American governments he will appoint representatives to meet them.

Can He Make Good
It is pointed out by American officials that there are international as well as internal questions in the Mexican situation that need consideration and adjustment. One is whether Carranza is in a position to afford adequate protection to life and property and another concerns payment of claims of foreigners growing out of the revolution.

At the mediation conference at Niagara Falls last year Carranza declined mediation of internal affairs of Mexico, but offered to enter the conference to consider international questions. His proposal was rejected on the ground that he could not be permitted to limit the scope of the mediation. It is pointed out now that conditions have been changed and that the Pan-American conferees are in no sense a mediation commission.

FRENCH RETAKE MOST LOST GROUND IN VOSGES REGION

PARIS, Sept. 10.—Artillery fighting continued yesterday and last night along the lines in France, according to announcement made today by the French war office.

In the Vosges the Germans made use of asphyxiating shells and flaming liquids, as a result of which a French trench of the first line had to be evacuated. A French counter attack, however, resulted in the recapture of the greater portion of the lost ground.

The statement given out by the war office reads: "In the Vosges the enemy yesterday attacked our positions between the Lingkopf, as far as the Barrenkopf, making use of asphyxiating shells. At Schertzmannelle a trench of the first line had to be evacuated following the throwing by the enemy of flaming liquids. A counter attack made it possible for us to recapture the greater portion of the lost ground and to secure about 20 feet from that portion of the trench which we could not re-occupy. Along the rest of this front our positions were virtually maintained."

"Yesterday evening the Germans delivered an attack against our lines on the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, which resulted in their winning a foothold during the night. We, however, delivered a counter attack, recaptured the lost trenches and drove the enemy back to his line."

"Our aviators bombarded the German mines and batteries in the forest of Nonnenbruck, as well as the railroad station at Lutelbach. Further more about thirty bombs were thrown down on the railroad station at Grand Pre."

Stella's Bargain Counter
When a man with a flint heart and a woman with a steel heart come together—they usually match. Then the fire begins to fly. Dad is the smoke nuisance in most families.

"BATTERING RAM" SENT TO CAPTURE PORT OF RIGA



General Von Beseler, conqueror of Antwerp and known as the "Battering Ram," is the man selected by the kaiser to take the Russian port, Riga, on the Baltic.

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MEDFORD BAND RESUMES CONCERTS

The regular weekly concerts of the Medford band will be resumed this evening in the city park after a two weeks' vacation, under the auspices of Leader Curran. The band has made steady improvement. The program for this evening is as follows:

- One Step, A la Carte, Waltz, Isle D'Amour, One Step, Tully Time in Holland, Gems from the Opera, Cornet Solo, Somewhere a Voice is Calling, by Wilson Wait, Adole, selections from French opera.

Boston Comandory, featuring clarionets and saxophones. Grand Medley Overture, with all latest song hits.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 10.—The concentration of heavy Austrian forces on the Rumanian frontier points to serious operations in the near future against Bessarabia and the region of the middle Dniester in the opinion of Russian war officials. It is regarded as improbable that an offensive against Rumania is in progress.

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Impossible Undertaking
"One has only to think of the enormous number of laborers employed in these factories, which runs into the hundreds of thousands, to realize how many millions of dollars would be necessary to produce any practical effect. Dr. Dumba, so far as I have understood, asked for only a few thousand dollars, so it seems to me evident that he had only a humanitarian idea in mind, as he also mentioned to me when returning from New York."

"The imperial and royal government had pointed out the legal penalties which would be incurred by Austro-Hungarian subjects who returned home from America after the war if they had worked in factories making munitions for the allies."

Penalties for Workers
"These penalties would not only have been those proscribed by law for helping enemies of the monarchy, but much more so those of public opinion, as in the case of a man who had made munitions for the allies who should go back to his home village perhaps to inherit the property of men who had been killed by those munitions. Naturally these considerations, if brought to their attention, might have caused a certain number of Austro-Hungarian subjects to

DUMBA POPULAR IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Since he came to Washington more than two years ago, Ambassador Dumba of Austria-Hungary, whose recall was asked by the American state department, has been one of the most popular members of the diplomatic corps. His experience as a diplomat embraced 34 years of service in many parts of the world.

His address, upon presenting his credentials to President Wilson April 24, 1913, was generally recalled today.

"I congratulate myself on being sent to Washington on the eve of the discussion of momentous issues raised by your memorable address of inauguration," he said. "The necessity of more humanity, of a higher valuation of the individual life of the poor and humble, of more human solidarity in the desperate struggle for life, are demands which, emphasized by your eloquent address will henceforth remain within the scope of practical American politics. The triumph of these principles can only improve the lot of many thousands of my compatriots who mostly represent the element of unskilled laborers immigrate to this country in ever-increasing numbers."

With Medford Trade is Medford Made

CHILD RAVISHER HANGED AT FOLSOM FOR CHURCH CRIME

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 10.—David Fountain was hanged at Folsom prison at 10 o'clock today for the murder of 10-year-old Margaret Milling in the basement of the German-Lutheran church here on December 5 last. Fountain trotted to his place on the gallows. He made no statement. Death was pronounced twelve minutes and fifty-five seconds after the trap was sprung.

He was janitor of the church where the Milling girl, with Sunday school mates, was in the habit of going in the afternoon to make doll dresses for Christmas. She went alone on the afternoon of December 5 and was attacked in the basement of the church by Fountain and strangled to death. He carried her body to the high attic and then, for reasons unexplained, he carried it back to a remote corner in the church basement. He later gave the alarm to the minister as if he had just discovered the body. Fountain was arrested on suspicion and after several days confessed. He repudiated the confession, but was convicted.

Fountain had a long criminal record. He had served several terms in the Iowa state prison and at the Cherry Hill, Pa., penitentiary for burglary and assaults on women. He was in the asylum at Mount Pleasant, Ia., and also in the Clarinda asylum in the same state. He escaped from the latter institution. He was born in Elizabeth county, Iowa.

North Bend is raising \$2000 to celebrate the completion of the S. P. bridge across Coos bay.

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SUITS The jaunty new fur garments with the button-up chin-chin collars, also fur trimmed coats, also a good lot of Norfolk styles— \$15.00 to \$35.00.	COATS For misses and ladies, many colors in the popular corduroys, belted styles, patch pockets, also mixtures in a variety of styles. Children's Coats just received.	DRESSES Peter Thomson Dresses for school wear, come in a good quality all-wool serge, trimmed with red emblems on collars and sleeves—sizes 14, 16, 18.
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NEW LACES
Fashion says the light-weight, flimsy, lacey waists are the proper garment for fall wear, such as chiffons, silk nets and silk allover laces, priced at**\$1.35**

The May Company